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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM ON HIS
MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS ON FEBRUARY 5, VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM REJECTED CRITICISM THAT VENEZUELA WAS ACTING CONTRADICTIONILY IN BRINGING ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE BUENOS AIRES FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHILE HOLDING A BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. ESCOVAR STATED THAT HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS AT THE INVITATION OF THE U.S., AND THAT DURING THIS MEETING HE EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARY VENEZUELA'S INTERNATIONAL POLICIES.

2. ESCOVAR SAID THAT THE DATE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ABOUT HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF DR. KISSINGER, HE DESCRIBED THE SECRETARY AS AN "EMINENTLY CORDIAL AND AMIABLE MAN". AND SAID THAT THEIR MEETING "DEVELOPED ON THE BEST OF TERMS.

3. ESCOVAR'S COMMENTS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWED A MEETING WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN CARACAS. IN HIS REMARKS TO THE CORPS ESCOVAR DESCRIBED VENEZUELA AS A COUNTRY "OPEN TO ALL POSSIBLE DIALOGUES." HE OBSERVED THAT VENEZUELA HAS A GROWING INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING INTEGRATION WITHIN THE
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